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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. On 15 January 1952, the Nachrichtenschule at Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) was occupied beyond capacity by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Troops noticed in the billeting area between 28 December 1951 and 15 January 1952 were engaged in infantry drill with rifles, including training in firing and involving units up to 100 men. Units of up to 60 men were engaged in field training with rifles and record practice with rifles and submachine guns in the In-der-Aue drill field near the Nachrichtenschule.

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2. In late December 1951, source learned from local residents that the Altes Lager northwest of the railroad station contained an underground storage installation for fuel. Source personally determined that the installation served as a fuel storage and distribution point. Guard personnel observed in Altes Lager wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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3. In late December 1951, source learned from local residents that the Neues Lager, 1.5 km northwest of Koenigsbrueck, was occupied by about 8,000 troops most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Night exercises conducted in the vicinity of the camp during the nights of 10, 12 and 14 January 1952 involved searchlight teams and artillery troops who, according to the noise source heard, practiced taking up firing positions. ***

4. Between 27 December 1951 and 7 January 1952, a total of four 120-mm model 33 mortars were seen at the Nachrichtenschule Koenigsbrueck. Troops were seen practicing with these mortars and receiving infantry training. About 90 percent of the troop quarters were lighted on the evening of 7 January 1952.

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Comment. The 270th 8th Mort Regt of the 11th Tank Div which is carried in the Nachrichtenschule, is again only vaguely confirmed by the mortars mentioned

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[] Comment. A fuel supply installation, probably of the First Gds Mecz Army, was also confirmed in Altes Lager by another source. With no information on the dimensions of Altes Lager available, it is possible that still other supply installations may be located there. []

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*** [] Comment. The searchlight activity observed indicates that Neues Lager still quarters the bulk of the 4th Gds AAA Div of the First Gds Mecz Army. The 8,000 troops estimated by the local residents would be equal in numbers to 1.5 AAA divisions. If this apparently overestimated figure should have any meaning at all, it might be indicative of the presence of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the First Gds Mecz Army which is tentatively carried in Neues Lager. The special insignia mentioned in the last report by the same source was a guards badge.

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